

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, February 25, 2016/Phalguna 6, 1937 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 15

Making real estate licensing online

*16. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to
make real estate licensing online; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Encroachment on DDA and Gram Sabha land in Aali village, New Delhi

†*17. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI:
Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ownership of land
under DDA and Gram Sabha in Aali village
(Sarita Vihar), New Delhi;

(b) whether DDA has received any
proposal to set up hospital, baraat ghar,
community centres or senior secondary
school on these lands, if so, the details
thereof;

(c) whether the land of Gram Sabha or
DDA has been encroached upon; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps being
taken to remove the encroachment?

Skill development programme for widows

*18. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will
the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT
AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased
to state:

(a) the number of widows who have got

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the advantages of skill development programme; and

(b) the number of branches for the skill development programme that have been started for widows together with the details thereof?

Online registration for competitive exams

*19. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that registration process for all competitive examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC), etc., have been made online;

(b) whether Government is aware that low level of computer literacy of the country has led to undue hardships resulting in exclusion of candidates from remote, tribal and high altitude areas in these exams; and

(c) the details of recommendations of expert groups and stakeholder consultation process done in this regard?

Public Sector Undertakings identified as sick

†*20. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings identified as sick;

(b) whether Government has any plan to revive them, if so, the time-frame fixed therefor;

(c) whether the revival process will be carried out on priority basis; and

(d) the number of such undertakings identified for revival in Assam and Uttar Pradesh?

Local purchases of stationery from Kendriya Bhandar

*21. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether DoPT made it incumbent on all Government departments to make all local purchases of stationery, etc. from Kendriya Bhandar in order to strengthen cooperative movement;

(b) whether Hon'ble Minister has recently lauded contribution of Kendriya Bhandar in providing various household goods and products of day-to-day use at competitive price; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not extending validity of OM No. 14/12/94-Welfare beyond 31.3.2015 and depriving Government departments of purchasing quality items at cheaper rates than in open market?

Harassment of Dalit scholars

*22. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the complaints about cases of harassment and discrimination against Dalit scholars in various Central Universities by delaying fellowships etc. as has been revealed particularly after the agitations following the death of a Research

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Scholar in Hyderabad University recently;
and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken to see that the Dalit students are not harassed in any way during their studies in Universities?

Smart City selection process

†*23. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the non-inclusion of even a single city of a vast State like Uttar Pradesh in the list of Smart Cities declared this month was due to stringent norms for the Smart City selection process; and

(b) if so, the norms laid down for the selection process of the Smart Cities in the country and whether Government would contemplate relaxation in the norms to include the cities of States like Uttar Pradesh, so that Uttar Pradesh could get more fund and resources for its development and if so, the details thereof?

Attack on Indian Consulate in Afghanistan

*24. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Consulate in Afghanistan was recently attacked by the terrorists, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken in the matter?

Bringing back of stranded Indians from abroad

†*25. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications registered at Ministry's website www.madad.gov.in for help and how many of them have been brought back to the country from abroad or provided help;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that hundreds of workers from Poorvanchal, Uttar Pradesh are trapped in Saudi Arabia and they are willing to come back but are facing delay in getting assistance; and

(c) whether it is a fact that several eminent persons have written letter in this regard but no satisfactory action has been taken so far, if so, the facts thereof?

Taking rice fortification model to other parts of the country

*26. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rice fortification model adopted in Gajapati district of Odisha has been very beneficial from the viewpoint of nutrition;

(b) if so, whether this fortification model has been validated by authorized agencies of Government; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to take forward the rice fortification model to Jharkhand and other parts of the country?

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**Modification in Discipline and
Appeal Rules**

*27. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in the process of amending or modifying the Discipline and Appeal Rules that *inter-alia* regulate the suspension of All India Service Officers;

(b) if so, the background of the initiative along with the objective thereof; and

(c) the present status of the proposal and the time-frame contemplated for accomplishment of the proposed action?

**Foreign nationals obtaining Indian
Passport**

*28. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign nationals from Nepal, Afghanistan and Bangladesh obtain Indian Passport;

(b) if so, how many such cases have been found in the last three years; and

(c) what action has been taken against those who are responsible for such crime?

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**Bio-Chemic Education Grant
Commission, Nadia**

*29. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Bio-Chemic Education Grant Commission (BEGC) with office at Nadia, West Bengal;

(b) the details of the courses offered by the Commission along with its branch offices in various States; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to publicise information about its authenticity for the benefit of students?

**Improving quality of technical and
professional education**

*30. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total intake of students in All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) accredited professional educational institutions during the last academic year;

(b) the number of seats that remained vacant in such institutions during the last academic year; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to improve quality of technical and professional education?

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
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